



FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 8, 1901.

THE "POOR HEATHEN," for whose welfare many in so-called Christian nations express so much solicitude and for whose spiritual illumination millions are collected annually, have just cause in numerous cases to flee the approach of representatives of the civilization and "Christianity" of the twentieth century. We are told that Belgian troops in the Congo have murdered twelve hundred natives in nine weeks. In consequence of such endless barbarities the natives are absolutely terror-stricken. These inhuman acts are the outcome of rubber-squeezing raids, conducted with such iniquitous methods that the natives are in a constant state of revolt. The lot of the natives is declared to be far worse than before the advent of the whites. The natives are practically forced to work rubber at the muzzle of rifles, receiving 2 cents per pound for what is sold at 75 cents at Antwerp. Thousands of natives have fled to the bush, and live like wild animals. Along the jungle paths the bodies of those who have died of starvation are frequent sights.

VARIOUS PLANS are being discussed in administrative circles as to the best method of reducing the enormous surplus now in the United States Treasury, which should be in circulation. The best way to reduce a surplus is not to have one and that can be brought about by a lowering of taxes. In this way all would be relieved and benefited. As the surplus is now in the Treasury, however, a large part of the public debt should be paid with the money and thus save that much interest to pay which the public is now uneconomically taxed to pay the United States bondholders. But as soon as Congress meets there will be no difficulty in reducing the surplus, for already there are more schemes being arranged for raids on the Treasury than were ever heard of before. Ship subsidy, canal bills, and such will be introduced which alone will require hundreds of millions of dollars, added to which will be hundreds of millions more for pensions the army, the navy, etc.

IN HIS annual report, the commissioner of pensions discusses the faults of the present system of pensioning and the difficulties in the way of determining the merits of claims for pensions and increase. The report presents a number of interesting features connected with the filling of claims for pension on account of the war with Spain and in the Philippine Islands. It is shown that the soldiers of these wars enjoy even much greater benefits than were accorded to the soldiers of the civil war in the amount of pensions granted for the same degree of disability while there is little difficulty in securing a pension. This being the case it is probable that any man who ever shouted "Cuba Libre" will get a pension.

THE CURTAIN is about to rise upon the second act of the farce enacted by John Hampton Hoge in running for governor of Virginia. His real object seems to have been to advertise himself for a government position under the administration of the republicans. A longing for the leaves and babes has produced similar results before and will continue to do so until the end of time. Mr. Hoge wants to step into the shoes of the late Judge Paul—he longs to be a federal judge. The picture is made more interesting by the fact that his brother is striving and agonizing in attempts to pluck the same plum.

THE PORTER has been compelled to yield to the French demands and has notified that country that authority is granted France to rebuild or repair sixteen churches, convents, and other institutions situated in different vilayets. All this is but another illustration of the violent methods practiced by Christian nations to force the gospel upon other countries by the aid of modern iron-clad fleets. That such demonstrations do little toward spreading genuine Christianity should be apparent to all, as it was to the God-man when he told Peter to put up his sword.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, November 8. President Roosevelt is preparing to extend the scope of the civil service throughout the Government departments. He has been in almost daily consultation with President Proctor, of the Civil Service Commission, who is an ardent enthusiast on the subject, and it is believed as a result of these talks, will be something forceful to say about the matter in his forthcoming message. The announcement was made a few days ago that the rural free delivery service, which, until the present, has been run in the interests of the workers at the polls, will be also brought under the

direction of the commission. Examinations instead of political hard work will be the gauge applied to employees in that branch of the postoffice department in the future. It is believed that shortly after the party workers recover from the shock of delivery is taken away from them they will be treated to others of the same sort. It is even hinted that a number of the places that President McKinley removed from the civil service, will be placed under the control of the commission again. President Roosevelt, when a member of the civil service commission a few years ago was as zealous in the strict interpretation of the civil service rules as any of the most enthusiastic of the so-called "reformers" could demand. He still retains his radical ideas on the subject. Ex-Representative Rodenberg, a member of the present commission, is an outspoken believer in the "to the victor belongs the spoil," adage, and is more than likely to retire from his office before many months are gone. While in Congress he invariably voted against the appropriation of money for the maintenance of the commission, and since his appointment to the place he holds has not been very active in laying down the civil service rules. Mr. Rodenberg is anxious to return to Congress and it is understood will be given an opportunity before long to make his campaign in his home town of East St. Louis, Ill., unhampered by the cares of office. If the President does decide to make a change in Mr. Rodenberg's berth it may be confidently expected that a "civil service reformer" will get the plum.

Senator Quay, who has been reported seriously ill, is in fact able to leave his house. He is recovering from an attack of bronchitis. He became ill a week ago as the result of a severe cold and was greatly alarmed in the belief that his lungs were seriously affected. Physicians convinced him to the contrary and he has now practically recovered. He has been visited by his physicians not to go to Florida, as has been his custom.

Senator Hanna attended the Cabinet meeting today. It was his first visit to the White House since the death of President McKinley, and he called in the interests of the monument proposed to the memory of the late president at Canton. Senator Hanna called with J. G. Milburn, of Buffalo, who is a member of the National McKinley Memorial Monument Association, and discussed the matter with the President. Senator Hanna urged the President and his advisors to "get together" on the work. At present the association working for the monument at Canton and the organization laboring for the Memorial Arch in Washington are at cross purposes. He believed that the opposing projects should work hand in hand, but that the monument at Canton should be built first.

Senator Hanna had a long talk with President Roosevelt today over the matter of Federal appointments in Ohio and matters political elsewhere. It was the first consultation the big Ohioan has had with the new President and the results of the conference will probably be far reaching. In a general way they may be said to have reached an amicable agreement, despite the fact that they cannot agree on some matters in detail. Possibly the Delaware situation is the most important of their disagreement. The President's action yesterday in appointing Robert G. Houston, an anti-Addicks man, to the Internal Revenue collectorship, was a bitter pill for the machine republicans of the country. Addicks is the national committeeman from the little state and has long been in Senator Hanna's confidence.

Minister Conger has informed the State Department that Yuan Shi Kai has been appointed by the Chinese government to be viceroy of the province of Chih-li, as successor to Li Hung Chang, who died yesterday. Wang Wen Chao has been appointed as vice-governor of the same province. Shan Tung was the home of the Boxer uprising and has always been a turbulent province.

It is said on good authority that it was agreed at a conference between the President and four prominent members of the House ways and means committee to check the increasing surplus in the Treasury, not by tariff revision nor by reciprocity, but by a reduction of internal revenue taxes.

A telegram to the Quartermaster General this morning states that the transport Hancock left Manila yesterday for Kobe, Japan. At that port it will take as passengers Senator Bacon, Representative Mercer visiting the Philippines and who were stranded by the downing of the Warren. The board, having the 23rd Infantry on board, left Manila this morning for New York.

If the amount of ransom to be paid the brigands who are holding Miss Ellen H. Stone, the American missionary, has been agreed upon, the fact has not been reported to the State department. There are no developments in the case so far as the government knows although active progress is being made with the efforts to secure her release.

Attorney General Knox explained to the President and his brother members of the Cabinet today that a great deal of misapprehension exists throughout the country as to the status of the Carter case. The dishonored ex-Confederate has not been granted a new trial, Mr. Knox said, as many believe. The proceedings that have been ordered are merely to decide the title to certain property that the government claims.

The following changes were made in the fourth-class Virginia postoffice today: Howell, Patrick county, J. E. Newman was appointed postmaster vice C. W. Platter, resigned; Port Royal, Caroline county, I. F. Henshaw was appointed postmaster vice E. F. Quenberry, dead; Quillin, Norfolk county, Robert Badger was appointed postmaster vice W. A. Wilkins, removed.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Miss Kate Greenway, the artist, died in London yesterday.

Sir William Laurier asserted in a speech at Montreal yesterday that Canada would yet capture the iron trade of the United States.

Gen. James Hagen, who commanded a brigade in the Confederate army, during the civil war, died at his home in Mobile, Ala., yesterday, aged 80 years. He was a Mexican war veteran and was born in Ireland.

President Castro accepts the offer of the Cuban government to arrange the differences between Venezuela and Colombia, stipulating, however, that Colombia pay damages for losses by invasion.

The remains of Li Hung Chang have been placed in the costly teakwood coffin which he carried around the world with him. Paper effigies were burned in the courtyard of the Foreign Office in Peking to carry his spirit to heaven.

It is reported from Sofia that an

agreement as to the amount of the ransom for Miss Stone has been virtually established, although advances from Constantinople state that negotiations have been temporarily suspended from the Bulgarian side.

Almost every officer of the Government, high or low, connected with the administration of the Chinese exclusion law, believes that it is ineffective in its operations, and that the statute which forbids Chinese laborers to enter the country should not be renewed when it expires by limitation, early next May.

Plans have been prepared for a nine-story apartment house to occupy the entire block bounded by Broadway and West End-avenue and Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets, New York. It is to be built by William Waldorf Astor, who owns the land, and will cost \$2,500,000. It will be the largest apartment house in the city, it is said.

The British government has decided to dispatch 4,000 cavalry to South Africa. At Nottingham, where Lord Roberts went to distribute war medals, there was a popular demonstration against the British Commander-in-Chief. Lord Kitchener reports that in the battle of Brakenlaage the Boer loss was 4 killed, including General Opperman, and 100 wounded.

John K. Messersmith, a well known cotton broker of Baltimore, yesterday was arrested and locked up on the charge of obtaining \$25,000 from the Merchants' National Bank by means of false promises. It is alleged that bills of lading were deposited with the bank as collateral, and when they fell due the goods were not delivered. The alleged loss will have no effect upon the financial condition of the bank.

Charles B. Thompson, of Port Huron, Mich., supreme finance keeper of the Supreme Tent, Knights of Moosehood, is a self-confessed defaulter in the sum of \$57,000. The order, however, is procured from loss by Thompson's surety bond. The shortage is acknowledged in a letter to D. P. Markey, supreme commander of the order. Thompson says he lost the money in trying to avoid bankruptcy. He will probably be given a chance to make the delinquency good before the surety companies take action.

Twenty-eight desperate convicts, after murdering one guard and seriously wounding several others, escaped from the new Federal prison near Leavenworth, Kan., yesterday afternoon. They are armed with fully a score of guns and revolvers taken from the guards and are now at large west of the city. Troops from Fort Leavenworth, guards from the prison, and police from the city are in pursuit, but there is little hope of catching the men today. The authority at the prison is the worst that ever occurred there. Residents of small towns and farmers along the route taken by the convicts are reporting horses stolen and homes raided.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The official vote of Fairfax county was: Montague, 1,354; Hoge, 1,053; Lee, 1,361 and Sangster, 1,075.

Miss Janie Lewis, daughter of Mr. Samuel Lewis, of Hamilton, and Mr. Joseph Tribby, of Westland, both of Loudoun county, were married yesterday, Rev. W. H. Woolf, officiating.

Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage, in Upperville, Miss Bessie Davis, daughter of Mr. C. G. Davis, of Luconia, was married to Mr. N. R. Heston, of Round Hill. Rev. I. B. Lake officiated.

The Rev. J. P. Lawrence, an Episcopal minister of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, died at his home in Lynchburg on Wednesday night from cerebral hemorrhage. He was 64 years old, an Englishman, and came to Virginia thirty-three years ago.

The following members of the State board of dental examiners were appointed yesterday: Dr. J. P. Stiff, of Fredericksburg, and Dr. J. A. Calvin, of Charlottesville, for three years, and Dr. E. P. Beades, of Danville, to serve the unexpired term of Dr. J. V. Haller, of Wytheville, resigned.

Mrs. B. F. Nalle died Tuesday at her home near Rapidan, in the sixtieth year of her age. She leaves a husband and two children, Hayward Boite, of Leesburg, and Mrs. E. N. Mills, of Esping. Her remains were sent to Charlottesville yesterday and interred in Maplewood cemetery.

The identification was made at Providence, R. I., yesterday of the man who committed suicide in a Massachusetts hotel some days ago, after registering as "Blum, Providence, R. I." His name was Isaac Blum, and until a few weeks before his death he kept a tobacco store on north Main street that city. He came from Chicago last spring with a wife and daughter.

P. R. Nugent, who for the last ten years has been actively engaged in mission work in Richmond and at other places, has been deposed from the Episcopal ministry by Bishop Whitely. The reasons were that he was not a Christian man, of blameless life, and the bishop in his official statement says that the action taken does not affect the minister's moral character. Mr. Nugent has ceased to believe in infant baptism.

The annual session of the Medical Society of Virginia, which began in Lynchburg on last Tuesday, came to a close yesterday evening. Dr. Richard S. Martin, of Stewart, was chosen president. Dr. L. Lankford, of Norfolk; Dr. R. S. Griffin, of Basic City, and Dr. S. W. Dickenson, of Marion, were elected vice-presidents; also, recording secretary, Dr. Landou B. Edwards, of Richmond; corresponding secretary, Dr. John F. Winn, of Richmond; treasurer, Dr. Styl, of Newport News. A banquet was tendered the society last night, and a number of toasts were responded to.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

As stated in the Gazette of that date the constitutional convention reassembled yesterday after two weeks' vacation for the campaign and election. President Goode and 45 other members only answered to the roll call, and there being no quorum the body adjourned.

The question of how commissioners of the revenue shall be chosen was under consideration at adjournment, and it is supposed that this feature of the legislative committee's report will be taken up today.

President Goode has in his hands the resignation of Mr. Virginia Newton, of Richmond, and will order an election November 21 to fill the vacancy.

Senator Henry Fairfax will probably succeed Mr. Newton as chairman of the finance committee. There will be a lively scramble for Mr. Newton's seat. Ex-Attorney General R. Carter Scott and Messrs. J. S. Moore and S. L. Bloomberg, who were candidates in the

primary, are being urged for the place, and Maj. O'way S. Allen is also a candidate.

Mr. Braxton, of Augusta, has prepared a new franchise plan which will embrace the grandfather clause, with a property qualification. Under this every white man will be saved and the democrats will be enabled to carry out the campaign last election. There is a strong sentiment in favor of the grandfather clause. The loss by the democrats Tuesday of so many white counties, many of the members of the convention believe, will necessitate that party adopting some scheme by which all of the whites shall be saved.

President Goode and a score of other men here now do not believe that any device but the grandfather provision or the misunderstanding clause can accomplish that object. There is very determined opposition to the latter, either as provided under the Daniel or Thom plan.

The convention will hardly do much work this week, but will enter with heart and spirit next week upon the important and intricate task of making the new organic law of the State. There are five reports of committees about ready to be submitted. That of the executive department committee has been prepared and signed, and those of the committee on judiciary, education, public institutions and prisons, and cities and towns have been agreed upon, and only have to be put in shape. The subcommittee of the committee on education met yesterday afternoon and perfected the draft of its report to be made to the full committee today.

The suffrage conference will probably be resumed next Monday night. There was some talk yesterday of having one to-morrow night, but Chairman Keel has not returned, and no steps have been taken. The sentiment seems to be strongly in favor of proclaiming the constitution when adopted.

THE MARYLAND ELECTION.

Complete returns from all the counties of the State and from the city of Baltimore, with the exception of three precincts, show that Dr. Joshua W. Herling, democratic nominee for Comptroller, has been re-elected by the very small majority of 458.

Thomas Parran, of Calvert county, republican, is elected clerk of the Court of Appeals by a plurality of 1,258 over J. Frank Turner, democrat, of Talbot county, the present clerk.

In the counties Mr. Turner had a plurality of 2,058, but was defeated in Baltimore city.

The Legislature, according to the returns, will stand as follows:

SENATE.

Democrats..... 17

Republicans..... 9

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Democrats..... 51

Republicans..... 44

Democratic majority on joint ballot..... 15

Democratic majority in the Senate..... 8

Democratic majority in the House..... 7

This basis is created by the addition to the democratic column of three delegates from Baltimore city; namely, Stephen C. Little, in the First Legislative district, and Peter J. Campbell and Isaac Lobe Straus, in the Second.

In Caroline county the official count elects Charles W. Jefferson, democrat, to the House in place of Charles E. Stevens, republican, who was yesterday reported elected, and who lost by five votes.

To counterbalance this, S. J. Johnson, democrat, in Kent county, heretofore reported elected, is displaced by Asaiah M. Kendall, republican, who wins by six votes.

The official count confirms the election of David J. Lewis, democrat, to the Senate, and Frank J. Drum, democrat, to the House, in Allegany county. The official count in Somerset confirms the election of W. T. Giles, democrat.

Only meager returns have been received of the vote on the constitutional amendments. But it is supposed that they are adopted by the large majority vote in several of the counties in adverse by a small majority. The vote upon the amendments throughout the State was very small, the voters generally ignoring them.

THE VACANT JUDGESHIP.

The vacant Virginia judgeship occupied much of President Roosevelt's time yesterday as there was a number of Virginians who talked with him on that subject. The vacancy was made by the resignation of Judge Paul of the Western district. A Virginia delegation to meet the President yesterday was composed of W. R. Trigg, Dr. G. B. Johnston and Ebert G. Leigh, of Richmond, and J. F. Ryan, former speaker of the lower house of the legislature. They presented the name of Daniel Trigg, of Abingdon, for the judgeship and urged his appointment. The President made inquiries about the various candidates. General Rosser next saw the President, and it is said that he is a friend of Judge Lewis and was formerly chief judge of the court of appeals of Virginia. Friends of Judge Lewis believe that he will be appointed. The matter of the appointment is said to hinge entirely on the attitude of Judge Lewis, and the strength of his determination to adhere to his already expressed determination not to seek an office that is recognized as belonging to the western district while he himself is a resident of the eastern district.

John T. Harris, of Harrisonburg, was a Virginia visitor. He is a law partner of George E. Sipe, of Harrisonburg, a republican, although until recently a democrat and who also wants to be a judge. Thomas Nelson Page was consulted by the President as to the same appointment. The President knows and likes Mr. Page and desired to get his views. But another candidate, Gen. John E. Rolier, of Harrisonburg, was accompanied by several Virginians. Gen. Rolier is a candidate for the judgeship.

Col. J. Hampton Hoge, who was the republican candidate for governor of Virginia, is now in the field. Col. Hoge says that President Roosevelt will appoint him. He is not dismayed by his defeat by A. J. Montague, and says that the republican party will stand by him. L. L. Moore, of Stafford, is said to be a candidate, and one of the strongest candidates up to this time has been Henry C. McDowell of Big Stone Gap, a former Kentuckian and a grandson of Henry Clay. He is loyally backed by Kentuckians. The objection to Mr. McDowell appears to rest largely in the fact that he has lived in Virginia but a short time, having moved from Kentucky.

Samuel H. Hoge, formerly a member of the house of delegates for Patrick county and a brother of Col. J. Hampton Hoge, is also said to be a

candidate to succeed Judge Paul. It is learned that he is getting up a petition, and has secured the signatures of some influential people. It is thought to be possible that he will retire, now that his brother has become an aspirant for the place.

The thing President Roosevelt has told Virginia democrats who called in the hope of having one of their own party faith appointed—that is, that he has no intention of nominating a democrat for the office. There are two or three democrats mentioned for the judgeship, but the President stated yesterday and Wednesday to different democrats that there was plenty of good republican material in Virginia from which to select, and under such circumstances it was farthest from his purpose to go outside the republican party.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.

Further returns do not reduce the majority for Mr. Montague, which will be about 35,000.

While Dr. Fitzpatrick was defeated for the house in Nelson county by Goodwin, republican, Mr. Montague received 322 majority.

The republicans will have three members in the senate and seventeen in the house. The independents will have five. J. N. Harman defeated Moss (democrat) in the Tazewell district; J. A. Dinwiddie, of Franklin, holds over, and George A. Reavis, from the Rockbridge district. The official returns from Hanover and King William show the election of Thomas H. Edwards, democratic candidate for floater, over Dr. Mitchell (republican) by 50 majority. The result in Wise, Buchanan, and Dickenson, where Judge W. B. Fulton (democrat) was opposed by Joseph Hibbitts, is still in doubt, and the result in Lee is not known.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Constitutional Convention. Richmond, Va., Nov. 8.—The convention at 10 to 1 o'clock today. The report on county organization was discussed but no action was taken. A recess was taken to 3 p. m.

Foreign News.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—As soon as the docks will allow the Emperor Augustus will visit the coast for several weeks, past, will leave for the South to recuperate. Her daughter and the younger prince will go with her. The Emperor will remain at Potsdam for the winter.

Paris, Nov. 8.—Habi Bey, Turkish chargé d'affaires here, called on M. Delcasse, at 11 o'clock this morning, and demanded the withdrawal of the French fleet from Turkish waters. A note was issued later announcing the port's acceptance of the French demands. As soon as the foreign office receives notification that the Sultan has raised the port's decision Admiral Caillaud will be recalled from Mitylene.

Constantinople, Nov. 8.—Admiral Caillaud, the commander of the French fleet, will give up the Mitylene post, and will be replaced by the British admiral, Lord Dufferin, announcing the settlement is issued. As a precautionary measure, he will cruise in neighboring waters, till the claims are actually settled.

Dover, Eng., Nov. 8.—The steamer Middlesex and Scotch collided in a fog off her today. Both vessels were seriously damaged. Berlin, Nov. 8.—The Kaiser, Emperor Franz Josef, of Austria, and King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, have already accepted the invitation to be present at King Edward's coronation.

Peking, Nov. 8.—There are no signs of public mourning for Earl Li Hung Chang but considerable popular interest is manifested. It is an unverified report that the recent Russian minister called at the Earl's residence yesterday and endeavored to have his seal attached to the Manchurian treaty before the great statesman passed away.

Glasgow, Nov. 8.—Andrew Carnegie was today elected Lord Rector of St. Andrew's University.

Alleged Plot to Kill Gov. Odell.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Residents of the Italian district of this city are considerably excited over the case of John Brodico, an Italian, who is under arrest charged with writing letters to each of police captains of the city, which purported to disclose a plot to kill Governor Odell. The letters were written with blue pencil in the Italian language and read: "To an anarchist by the name of Modesto Greco, dangerous: Life of Governor Odell for the strike occurred time ago in this city." The letters were written soon after the assassination of President McKinley. Greco, upon learning of the letters, had Brodico arrested, charging him with slander. The case came up yesterday afternoon and was adjourned until November 18.

Mother and Children Cremated.

Norwalk Conn., Nov. 8.—Mrs. Guy Penimber, wife of an Italian laborer, and three of her children were burned to death last night. The explosion of a lamp set fire to their apartments and the burning oil set fire to the clothing of the children. Mrs. Penimber, herself a laborer, was 14 months old, and, having run to the street, the flames were extinguished, but mother and child were so badly burned that they died in a few hours. The firemen quenched the fire and then found the charred remains of Rosa, aged 3, and Katherine, aged 2 years.

The Maryland Senatorship.

Baltimore, Nov. 8.—There is no doubt but that ex-Senator Gorman may return to the United States Senate if he so desires. An unofficial count shows that instead of losing all the legislative districts in Baltimore, the democrats will get three delegates to the House in the second district which will give them a majority of fifteen on joint ballot. Two other names are mentioned in connection with the senatorship, ex-Governor Frank Brown and present Governor Smith.

Destructive Fire.

Bradford, Pa., Nov. 8.—One of the most destructive fires in the city's history occurred early this morning. The City Hall, two large livery barns, several stores and dwellings are in ashes. A strong wind added to the flames' fury. Thirty-eight horses, among them animals of high speed, were burned to death. Several persons were seriously injured by falling bricks. The loss will exceed \$150,000. The fire originated in Beamer's livery stable.

Duel Prevented.

Havana, Nov. 8.—As an outcome of the brawl at the banquet tendered to the naval officers of the Chilean cruiser here on the evening of November 5, the Cuban general, Montalvo, warden of the insular penitentiary, challenged Dr. Tamayo, the secretary of State, to fight a duel. The duel was to have occurred today, but the police interfered and the principals were kept apart.

The safe of the Bank of Scotland, at Scotland, S. D., was blown open and \$5,000 taken last night.

Row Among Aldermen.

Salem, Mass., Nov. 8.—After an all night session of the Aldermen, during which scenes of approaching riot were enacted, the city fathers adjourned shortly before daylight this morning without deciding whether the entire police force of the city should be discharged or Mayor Hurley reimpaneled. The session was held over charges brought by the mayor against the city marshal, Hart and eight officers. Chairs were smashed, aldermen abused by the crowd, the mayor blessed and threatened and reporters crowded from their seats and forced to the top of the press table. Finally the aldermen adjourned until next Monday.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVES.

James Bryce, the English statesman who is visiting the West Indian islands for a study of the political economic conditions of the islands, predicts that the Philippines will ultimately be exchanged by the United States for the British West Indies.

Manager Abbott, of the Richmond, Ky., distillery, engaged colored laborers Thursday to haul freight for the distillery. This angered the white headmen, who stoned the blacks and drove them away. Abbott sent them back and ordered them to stand on their rights. More trouble is feared.

The town hall, public school and home of N. C. Cox at Springfield, N. J., were burned down early this morning. A theatrical company lost \$1,000. Two hundred school children are without a school house. Mrs. Pope, aged mother of Mrs. Cox, was carried out of the flames from a sick bed.

The police of New Haven, Conn., are investigating the death of Mr. Ella Burge, wife of James V. Burge, a bartender, whose body was found this morning in eighteen inches of water. Near the body was the wreck of an overturned buggy. Lawrence McCormick, married, aged 26, was arrested, and said he stopped at a hotel with Mrs. Stange where they had drinks. McCormick says the buggy ran off an embankment and he went for help. When he returned the team had disappeared.

Fire at 3:30 this morning, originating from a gas engine, destroyed the wax plant, storeroom, filter house, bone house, and their contents, together with two tanks and three cars belonging to the Pittsburgh Company, located at Carroll, 12 miles below Pittsburg. The property destroyed covered about two acres. A high wind carried the flames away from other valuable property, otherwise the damage would have been greater. Loss \$50,000.

A warrant, charging P. J. McGuire, the temporarily suspended secretary-treasurer of the Philadelphia Brotherhood of Carpenters, with embezzlement, has been issued, charging a sum of \$10,000 in his accounts. The warrant will not lose anything by the alleged shortage, since McGuire is under a \$20,000 bond. McGuire was arrested this evening.

The entire system of the Market Street San Francisco railway, consisting 150 miles of street car lines, will be sold to a Baltimore syndicate for \$25,000,000 cash. The syndicate is headed by the firm of Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore. The Baltimore syndicate is composed of the following firms: St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

While a wedding was in progress at a fashionable Washington Boulevard home in 8100 last night, officers, armed with a riot shield, entered the house, and, without warning, seized everything in the house, including the wedding gifts, and kept guard over the articles while the marriage and the entertainment following was in progress. The action was on account of a trivial debt of the bride's father.

Last evening Joseph Bollnack, an employee of the Junction Works at Grunewald, Pa., dropped 265 feet into a coal shaft and broken a serious injury. Not a bone was broken. He was considerably bruised. It is one of the most remarkable falls ever experienced in the mines in that section.

Amiral Schley who has been invited to Memphis as a guest of the city, has accepted the invitation, stating: "I am going to Memphis if I have to go on four feet."

An unknown woman dropped dead in a drug store in Reading, Pa., today. Seared to the lining of her dress was found \$700 in bank notes.

THE SCHLEY CASE.—After sittings covering 40 days and with a record which, when completed, will cover about 2,000 pages, the Schley court of inquiry yesterday at 3:45 p. m. adjourned its last public session, Capt. S. C. Lemly, the judge advocate, making the closing argument. At their leisure the three admirals forming the court will consider the evidence and the arguments and make up their verdict. Capt. Lemly's argument had been carefully prearranged, and practically asked for a conviction on nearly every count, despite the fact that most of the specifications in the precept had been demolished by the department's own witnesses.

THE MARKET.

Georgetown, Nov. 8.—Wheat 62 3/4.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure a Cough and Croup. Cougher Croup, Whooping Cough, and Measles without harm. Best for Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Grippe, Pneumonia, Consumption and Lung Affection. Gives quick, sure results. Price 25c. Sold by Richard Gibson and all druggists.

Modern Surgery Surpassed.

"While suffering from a bad case of piles I consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," says F. Carter, Atlanta, Ga. "I procured a box and was entirely cured. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is a splendid cure for piles giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." Surgery is unnecessary to cure piles. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure any case of piles, hemorrhoids, and all other venous diseases are also quickly cured by it. Beware of counterfeits. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAIL.

Northern mails, week days, close at 7:30 and 10:45 a. m. and 1:15, 2:50, 6:50 and 7:55 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 m., 4:30 and 8:30 p. m. On Sundays Northern mails close at 1:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Southern mails via Charlottesville, close at 7:50 and 10:45 a. m. and